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SUBJECT: HOSPITALIZATION REQUEST FOR GERMANICO ESPINOSA, MANAGING

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF ECUADOR

- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO OBTAIN ADMISSION TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL FOR GERMANICO ESPINOSA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ECUADOREAN CENTRAL BANK.
- 2. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT SUCH ADMISSION, IF APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, WILL BE EXPENSIVE, AND THAT COSTS WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$136 PER DAY PLUS TRANSPORTATION, MEDICINE, AND OTHER MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS. EITHER PATIENT OR ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REIMBURSE USG FOR TREATMENT.
- 3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SECNAV DESIGNATION BE OBTAINED FOR ADMISSION OF ESPINOSA TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. ESPINOSA, AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ECUADOREAN CENTRAL BANK, IS A KEY FIGURE IN OUR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AND OTHER ISSUES BETWEEN USG AND GOE, A MATTER OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO US AS WE WORK WITH THEM TO NEUTRALIZE THE EFFECTS OF LARGE US DOLLAR FLOWS INTO ECUADOR AS A RESULT OF OIL EXPORTS TO THE US. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. ESPINOSA IS 41, AND SUFFERS FROM ACUTE VARICOSE VEINS AND CERVICAL ARTHROSIS WITH ASSOCIATED LUMBAR-SACROSPINAL PAIN. (HE ALSO HAS A SISTER WITH SPINAL ARTHRITIS.) HIS SYMPTOMS ARE PAIN AND PARESTHESIA OF THE SUPERIOR MEMBERS, A CONDITION WHICH HAS OCCURRED WITH INCREASING AGGRAVATION OVER THE LAST 4 YEARS. SYMPTOMS ARE ENHANCED WHEN COMBING HAIR OR READING PAPERS. SENSATIONS ARE ACCENTUATED IN LEFT UPPER EXTREMITY, BUT ALSO FELT IN THE RIGHT ONE. MUSCLE SPASMS AND PAIN OCCURS IN THE LEGS, IN VARIOUS FORMS, AND IN "SEGMENTS". SYMPTOMS ARE WORSE WHEN STANDING. PAIN IS FELT WHEN PRESSURE IS APPLIED ON THE CERVICAL VERTEBRAE; FORWARD FLEXIBILITY IS LIMITED. CLINICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL SIGNS ARE CONSISTENT WITH CERVICAL ARTHROSIS.

5. IF APPROVED, ADMISSION SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 3, WHEN ESPINOSA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE WORLD BANK/INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEETINGS. THIS WOULD HELP MINIMIZE COSTS (TRANSPORTATION) FOR HIM/GOE. FULL MEDICAL RESUME WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH. PLEASE ADVISE. BREWSTER

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